

# From Funding Plan to Funding Programs

Creating a comprehensive system of early childhood programs for Arizona's children



# Funding Plan to Logic Model

- Finance Division Staff will develop a *scope of work logic model* for each strategy listed in the Funding Plan
  - Includes elements such as budget, implementation considerations, evaluation (see sample)
  - Finance Division Staff & the Regional Coordinator will discuss the logic model information and make modifications
  - Draft logic models will be shared with Regional Partnership Councils to modify and capture the intended focus of the strategy

# Why Use a Logic Model?

- 1) For First Things First staff in the development of an RFGA:
  - Common vocabulary & processes - creates consistency across Regions that will have varying funding opportunities
  - Helps to demonstrate the connectedness of all components (modules)
- 2) For Applicants:
  - Common vocabulary & processes
  - Integrated strategies & processes for Request for Grant Applications (RFGAs), both First Things First and other grant requests

# Request for Grant Application Scope of Work Logic Model

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Needs & Assets	Goals & Key Measures	Strategies	Implementation	Performance and Evaluation
<p>FTF Regional Needs &amp; Assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identify the needs</li> <li>➤ Identify the assets</li> <li>➤ Review and identify relevant data to support information on local needs &amp; assets</li> <li>➤ Analyze data and other local information to determine gaps or service needs</li> <li>➤ Identify existing resources and assets directed toward needs to determine gaps to be addressed</li> </ul> <p>RFGA Applicant Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identify your stakeholders and partners</li> <li>➤ Identify capacity to address an identified need</li> </ul>	<p>FTF Goals and Key Measures to be addressed based on identified needs and assets</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Broad measurable statement of intent to set a future direction. The goal communicates the direction of (more, less, maintain) the result statement.</p> <p><b>Key Measures:</b> The measures selected as markers of success. Key measures are specific, observable, measurable characteristics or changes that represent achievement of success. Key measures are what is observed, measured, assessed or monitored in clients or systems to learn if the outcome has been achieved.</p>	<p>Strategies are chosen based on the Regional Needs &amp; Assets reports and are designed to address the Goals and Key Measures.</p> <p>FTF has approved 32 strategies.</p> <p>Regions may select additional strategies based on need; these strategies must meet the FTF criteria.</p> <p>Regional Partnership Councils will define the target population for each strategy.</p>	<p>Develop steps to implementation including:</p> <p><b>Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants (recruiting and retaining participants)</li> <li>• Staff (recruiting, training, accountability)</li> <li>• Program Implementation (timelines, scheduling)</li> </ul> <p><b>Tasks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed subset of the Activities</li> <li>• Includes specific description of deadlines and accountability</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial resources needed to implement the chosen strategy</li> </ul>	<p>Evaluation provides accurate and valid information for making decisions about strategy improvement, continuation and modification and to determine whether the strategy is successful.</p> <p>Performance Measures are short term impacts that link to the key measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Measures service numbers</li> <li>➤ Measures participant changes in knowledge, attitudes, assets and behaviors.</li> <li>➤ Includes assessment tools</li> <li>➤ Includes a description of data collection plans and overall evaluation plans</li> <li>➤ Quality assurance plan</li> </ul>
Are strategies and goals tied to the needs and assets?	Are Goals and Key Measures tied to the Performance Measures?	Are the strategies addressing the Performance Measures?	Are the strategies being implemented as written?	Is there ongoing assessment and quality improvement?

Continuous Feedback Loop

# What is an RFGA?

- An RFGA is a Request for Grant Application. It is a formal competitive process required when a state governmental unit (i.e. Board of First Things First and Regional Partnership Councils) makes grant awards.
- It is the preferred way that First Things First and each Regional Partnership Council can enter into an agreement for services that will affect change in the birth through age five population in our communities.

# Why an RFGA?

It is the most publicly transparent option First Things First has in distribution of funds.

It has more flexibility compared to typical procurement processes.



# Timeline & Key Responsibilities

## Example Timeline

### Regional Council Key Responsibilities

- Scope of Work Development - December/January
- The RFGA review process – How many reviewers are needed? How many review teams do you anticipate? When can the review committee meet? Where can the review committee meet? – January/February
- Selection of the review committee – Who would be a good reviewer? (confidentiality & conflict) Generate a larger list than needed. Who has experience or expertise in the area? Who has the time available?, etc. - January/February
- Regional Partnership Councils approval of Review Committee recommendations April/May